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Ireland et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed April 1, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on July 1, 2005.

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